



| ACTIVITY | EXPECTED TIMELINE | DATE COMPLETED |
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| State Board of Health directs DOH to begin rulemaking and Rule Development Committee (RDC) is organized | Fall-Winter 2001 | Winter 2001 |
| Technical Review Committee (TRC) begins working on technical recommendations | December 2001 | December 2001 |
| File CR101 | January 2002 | January 23, 2002 |
| Ongoing meetings of RDC and TRC to develop policy and technical recommendations for rule revision. | February 2002 – June 2003 | February 2002-October 2003 |
| Brief the SBOH on RDC progress | May 14, 2003 | May 14, 2003 |
| Draft language to RDC for final review and comment | August 2003 | August 15, 2003 |
| Meetings to discuss and finalize RDC proposals | October 2003 | October 7 & 23, 2003 and November 14, 2003 |
| Prepare RDC final report | December 2003 -January 2004 | February 2004 |
| Final RDC report to SBOH | March 2004 | March 2004 |
| Public Comment/Workshops | Spring 2004 | |
| Finalize rule proposal and prepare significant analysis and SBEIS | January- May 2004 | |
| File CR102 for 246-272A Onsite Sewage Systems | July 2004 | |
| SBOH public hearing | November 2004 | |
| Respond to comments | December 2004 | |
| File CR103 | January 2005 | |
| Rule effective | Some portions effective 31 days after filings – Other sections 1 year after filing. | |

Purpose

This rule revision will:

- Relocate specific requirements currently established in departmental guidelines to Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and
- Enhance long-term Operation, Monitoring & Maintenance through design requirements to facilitate access to components of onsite sewage systems.

Recent Issues and Activities

- The RDC has concluded its work developing recommendations for draft rules. The final meeting was held on November 14, 2003.
- The committee has reached consensus or a 2/3 majority on proposals to amend soil classifications, loading rates, treatment levels, product registration, and operation and maintenance.
- The RDC is evenly divided on a proposal to increase minimum lot sizes in certain circumstances.

Next Steps

- The RDC Final Report will be presented to the State Board of Health in March 2004.
- DOH staff will begin preparing the cost-benefit analysis and small business economic impact statement to support the proposed rules.
- Public workshops will be held around the state to inform the public about the proposal and to gather comments for consideration and possible incorporation into the draft rules prior to the SBOH public hearing.

For detailed information about the onsite rule revision process, please see the Department of Health website at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/WW/RDC.htm>

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